



INDOOR PLANTS

# Japanese Aralia

## **Fatsia japonica**

Japanese Aralias make great indoor plants in the right conditions. They are quick-growing, bushy plants with upright stems and large, green, glossy leaves.

They can grow 1.5 to 2m high and reach 1m wide. Mature Japanese Aralias will flower when kept outside but will rarely flower when kept indoors.

### **How to grow:**

Japanese Aralias require a well-lit spot indoors or a protected, shaded spot outdoors. As an indoor plant, they prefer a position away from cold draughts.

Water regularly during the warmer months, as this is when the plant is putting on new growth. It's best not to allow the soil to dry out completely during this time. In winter, however, you can keep your plant's soil on the drier side.

Sudden lower leaf drop in the warmer months can indicate that your plant has dried out at some point, whereas gradual yellowing and lower leaf drop during the cooler months can indicate too much water.

Japanese Aralias benefit from regular feeding. Use a liquid fertiliser when you see new growth.

Use a premium potting mix. An acidic potting mix can be used but isn't essential. Always re-pot one pot size up at a time.

To maintain a bushy shape, it helps to prune your plant during the warmer months.

Dust the leaves every now and then to keep them clean and glossy. Because of their large leaves they can be susceptible to aphids, mealy bug and scale. Refer to our pests and diseases page for treatment.